



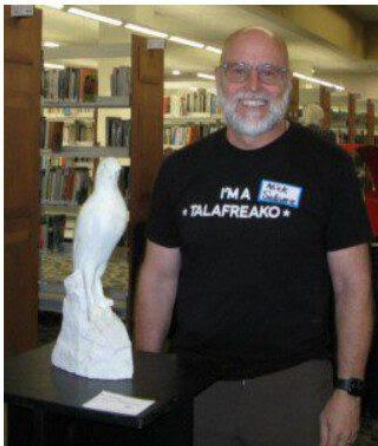
September 2026 TSOS Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

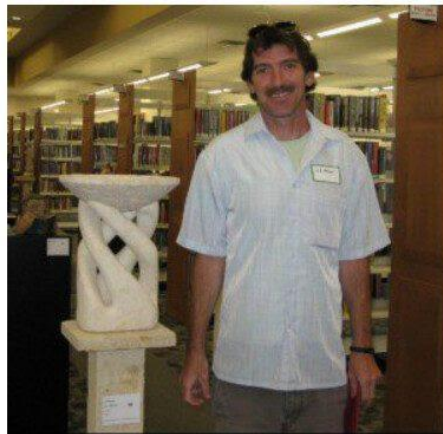
What an exciting few weeks for TSOS!

Georgetown Library Exhibit Awards

First, congratulations to all of the award winners in this year's TSOS Annual Show at the Georgetown Public Library! The juror for the GT Library show was Katie Robinson Edwards, Curator and Executive Director of the Umlauf Museum



1st Place - Nick Salome, "Hawk of a Different Color"



2nd Place- J.J. Priour, "The Offering"



3rd Place - Melissa Symmonds, "Sally"



H.M. Stone/Wood - C.D. Weaver, "St Francis Looking at a Red Bird"



H.M. Ceramics - Dale Truitt, "Trio"



H.M Metal & Librarian's Choice
- Caterina Suttin Holdbrook
"Jellyfish Bloom"



H.M. Other Media - Elizabeth Bonura, "Expanding Circle"



H.M. Other Media - Lori Welch, "Calf"



People's Choice - Angela Corson, "Rainmaker"

The juror couldn't decide between them, so she gave a 2nd Honorable Mention for Other Media (and paid for it out of her honorarium)

Thank you to every member who participated and helped make this year's exhibition such a wonderful representation of the talent and creativity within TSOS.

It's not too late to see this wonderful show. It is open through September 25.

Round Rock

Our Sculpture Village at the Round Rock Summer Arts Festival was a HUGE success! Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen—whether you volunteered, exhibited work in the Members' Gallery, spent time creating in the Live Studio, or shared your expertise through a demonstration. The enthusiasm from the community was incredible, and I loved seeing so many people stop, watch, ask questions, and discover more about sculpture.



Sculpture Gallery



Finished work · Meet artists · Artwork sales

Live Sculpting Studio



Continuous creating ·
Conversation ·
Community participation

Demonstration Area



Scheduled mini-classes ·
Specific techniques

And we have more opportunities to connect with the community coming up in September!

On September 19th, TSOS members will be at the Georgetown Public Library for our annual Demo Day, sharing a variety of sculpting techniques and processes.

Then on Sunday, September 20th, we'll be at the UMLAUF Sculpture Garden & Museum for Austin Museum Day. This is always such a fun event, with thousands of visitors coming through the museum and many of our members demonstrating throughout the day. People genuinely love watching us work, asking questions, and learning how sculpture is created.

There is still time to participate in the UMLAUF exhibition, even if you don't have a large collection of finished work. I'm planning to bring something to work on along with just two or three finished sculptures for the juror to consider. It's also a wonderful opportunity to spend the day with other sculptors, make connections, and share our love of sculpture with the community. [Enter Here](#)

And there's even more to look forward to! In October, TSOS will be setting up another Sculpture Village for Liberty Hill's Sculpture Festival. After the incredible response we had in Round Rock, I'm especially excited about what we can create in Liberty Hill. Trust me—you're going to want to be part of this one! More details and opportunities to participate will be coming soon.

Elizabeth Bonura
President, Texas Society of Sculptors

MEMBER NEWS

Member Spotlight

Michael W. Hall



To see Michael's work and read about his practice go to <https://www.tsos.org/2026-sept-michael-w-hall/>

Valérie Chaussonnet at Lydia Art Salon

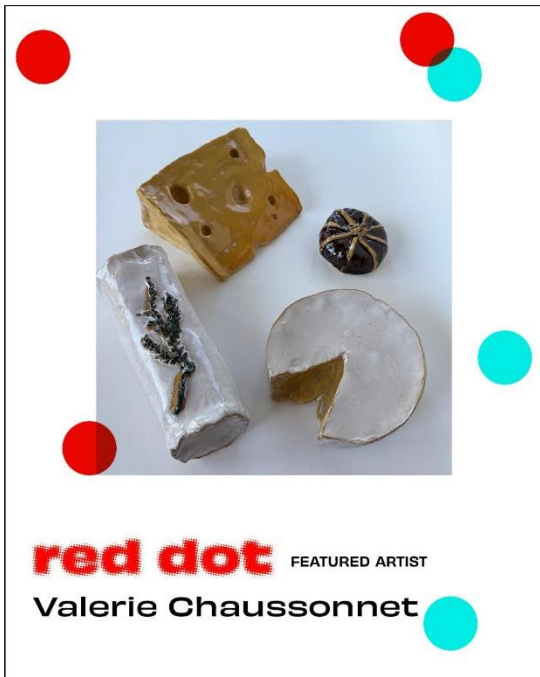
Valérie Chaussonnet has a solo show at Lydia Art Salon <https://lydiaartsalon.com> opening on Sept 19 - October 25, called DOZENS. It will show a good number of my series of paintings and sculptures in various mediums (steel, bronze, clay, fiber, watercolor, oil), displayed in multiples of 12 (as in, for instance, 12 kinds of French pastries in crochet.)



Valérie Chaussonnet at Wildhorse Gallery

Valérie Chaussonnet is part of the inaugural show at the Wildhorse Gallery, in Redstone, Colorado, near Aspen (not the Wildhorse in Steamboat, another one), with five sculptures and three drawings. It is closing on Sept 7 (Labor Day), with a free watercolor workshop I will teach, if anyone is in the area. Wildhorse is at [292 Redstone Blvd](#), next to the Redstone General Store.





Valérie Chaussonnet in Red Dot

Valérie Chaussonnet is part of the Red Dot event at Women and Their Work, opening on Sept 17th - 26th. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

[1311 E. Cesar Chavez, Austin, TX 78703](#)

<https://womenandtheirwork.org/upcoming/reddot26/>

Baytown Sculpture Trail



The Baytown Sculpture Trail 2027/2028 call for art is now open and will remain open until October 31. We will select 20 artworks in mid November for our year long outdoor sculpture display. The call site is <https://sculpturetrailbaytown2027.artcall.org/>. So far our 2026 season has been quite productive. We've already leased 4 and sold 1 just four months into the 2026 exhibition.

If you are not familiar with the Baytown Sculpture Trail you can view our current and past shows at <https://baytownsculpturetrail.org/>. Please check it out. I think you will be impressed with the high level art we have been able to maintain in the program, thanks to the terrific participating artists.

Cooper Spring Nature Park Call for Sculpture



Cooper Spring Nature Park is looking for a sculpture to enhance their entry, pictured here.

The subject of a proposed sculpture can be singular or a combination of flora and fauna. Please note that the entry currently has metal work that includes flowers, grasses and trees found in the park and a large Monarch butterfly in the stone plaza flooring. The sculpture should appeal to children. The piece can be airy, but must be able to withstand public pressure and the weather. The size of the piece should be

consistent with the surrounding infrastructure (limestone bench, the open gravel area, the entry building and fencing). The sculpture must be attachable to a pad or have extensions set in concrete. Piece should require minimal maintenance. For more information see [Lampasas](#).

Melissa Symmonds
Public Relations Chair